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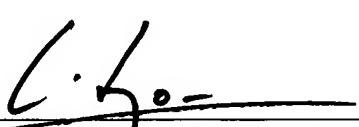
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1. Transmittal Letter (1 page);
2. 1st Form PTO-1449 (2 pages); Cited Art (20 references)
3. 2nd Form PTO-1449 (2 pages); Cited Art (22 references)
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STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is:

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

[] Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b); no fee or certification is required:

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[] Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(c) after the dates listed above but before the mailing date of any of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application; Applicant hereby *either*:

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Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the reference(s) listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

Applicant includes copies of references as indicated below:

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Copies of references indicated with an asterisk on the attached form PTO-1449 are not included pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d) because they were previously provided to the United States Patent Office in an Information Disclosure Statement that complies with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)-(c) and was submitted in the following patent application that is relied upon in the present case for an earlier effective filing date under 35 USC § 120:

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Copies of English translations of one or more non-English references are included.

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It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited patent(s) and publication(s) has (have) been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and
3. The citations for the patent(s) and publication(s) be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

Notwithstanding any statements by Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusions regarding the relevance of the cited reference(s).

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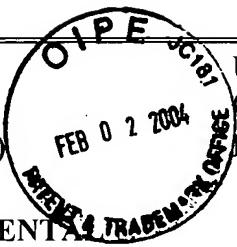
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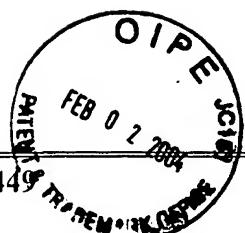
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